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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method of inhibiting cathepsin S in a mammal comprising administering a compound of formula (I) to asaid mammal

(1)

in which:

X is N-or CA where A is hydrogen, halogen, CHR²R³, OR², NR²R³, or SR²;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl both of which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR⁴ groups where R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, and can be optionally substituted by aryl, heteroaryl, NR⁵R⁵ where R⁵ and R⁶ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴, or R2 and R3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴ group, or R2 and R3 are aryl or heteroaryl groups, both aryl and heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸ or SR⁷ where R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R and R¹ are independently a group Y(CH₂)pR⁹ where p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is O or NR¹⁰ where R¹⁰ Is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl;

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and R9 is hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR4 groups where R4 is hydrogen or C1-6 alkyl, or a 3 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, one or more O, S or N atoms, or an aryl or heteroaryl group containing one to four heteroatoms selected from O, S or N, the saturated ring, anyl and heteroaryl groups all being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR⁴ group; or R/R1 is a group NR10(CHR10) CONR2R3 or NR10(CH2) CONR2R3 where g is 1, 2 or 3: or R/R1 is a group NR13R14 where R13 and R14 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group. O, S or N atom and optionally substituted by C₁₋₆ alkyl, amino, hydroxy, CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶, NR⁷R⁶, C₁₋₆ alkylNR¹⁷R¹⁸ where R¹⁷ and R¹⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₅ alkyl, CONR¹⁵R¹⁶ where R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, or optionally substituted by aryl, phenoxy, COphenyl, or a heteroaryl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR4 group;

and or a pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of cathepsin S in a mammal such as man.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 in which X- \underline{A} is CH, NHR², or OR² wherein R² is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl.

Claim 3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 in which R is a group $Y(CH_2)pR^7$ where p is 0 or 1 and Y is NR^8 wherein R^8 is hydrogen and R^7 is substituted phenyl.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 In which R¹ is a group NR¹³R¹⁴ where R¹³ and R¹⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a morpholine ring, piperidine or piperazine ring optionally substituted.

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Claim 5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1 in which R1 is a group NR^9R^{10} where R^{10} is H or C_{1-8} alkyl and R^9 is C_{1-8} alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR4 groups where R4 is hydrogen or C1-6 alkyl.

Claim 6.(currently amended) The method according to claim 1 where the compound of formula (I) is selected from:

- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(dimethylamino)-1,3,5-trlazino-2-carbonitrilo,
- 4-Morpholin-4-yl-6-(4-phonoxypiporidin-1-yl)-1,3,5 triazino-2-carbonitrilo,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morphelin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(7-Azabicyclo[2.2.1]hopt-7-yl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile;
- 4 [(4 Chlorophenyl)amino] 6 pyrrolidin-1-yl-1,3,5 triazine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4 ((4 Chlorophenyl)amino) 6 piperidin-1-yl 1,3,5 triazine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-{(4-Chlorophenyl)amino} 6-(ethylamine) 1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophonyl)amino]-6-(3-hydroxypyrrolidin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino] 6 [(2 piperidin-1-ylethyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrilo,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophonyl)amino]-6-(4-phonylpiporidin-1-yl)-1,3,5 triazino-2-carbonitrilo-
- 4-[(3 Chlorobenzyl)amino]-6 (dimothylamino)-1,3,5 triazine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-Morpholin-4-yl-6-[(4-morpholin-4-ylphenyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(2,3-Dihydro-1,4-benzodioxin-6-ylamino)-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4 Morpholin-1-yl-6-(3-phonylpiperidin-1-yl) 1,3,5-triazine 2 carbonitrile,
- 4-(1,4'-Bipiperidin 1' yl)-6-morpholin 4 yl 1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[4-(1H Imidazol-1-yl)piperidin 1-yl]-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrile,
- 4 [4-(4-Chlorobenzeyl)piperidin-1-yl] 6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-[4-(5-Chloropyridin-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrilo,
- 4-Merphelin 4 yl-6 {[3-(2-exepyrrolidin-1-yl)propyl]amine}-1,3,5 triazine-2-carbenitrile,
- 1-(4-Cyano-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) N,N-diethylplperidine-3-carboxamide,
- 4-[4-(2-Methexyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- N-2~-(4-Cyano-6-morpholin-4-yl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl) N-1~,N-1~ bis{4-[N-(4-cyano-6-

morpholin-4-yl-1,3;5-triazin-2 yl) N-isobutylglycyl]morpholin 3-yl}-N~2-- isobutylglycinamido,

- 4-Morpholin 4-yl-6-[(2-pyridin 3-ylethyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-{[2-(2-Furyl)ethyl]amine} 6-morpholin 4-yl-1,3,5-triazine-2-carbonitrile;
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino] 6 (4-methylpiporazin-1-yl)-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrilo,-
- 4-Azetidin 1 yl-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-1,3,5-triazino-2-carbonitrilo,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,

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- 4-[(4-Methylcyclohexyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(dimethylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(1-Methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(Cyclohexylamino)-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-pyrrolidin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-[(6-Chloropyridin-3-yl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-{6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-L-prolinamide,
- 4-(4-Aminopiperidin-1-yl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile, tert-Butyl 4-{6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}piperazine-1-carboxylate,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-piperazin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- (2S)-N~2~-{6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-N~1~,N~1~-bis[4-(N-{6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-L-leucyl)morpholin-3-yl]-L-leucinamide.
- 5-Chloro-4-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-piperazin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(3S)-3-Aminopyrrolidin-1-yl]-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-{4-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]piperazin-1-yi}-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(dimethylamino)-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-(3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-[6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyano-5-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl}piperidine-3-carboxamide,
- 4-(4-Aminopiperidin-1-yl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- 5-Amino-4-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile, and
- 5-Amino-4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(ethylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 7. (cancelled)

Claim 8. (cancelled).

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Claim 9. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I):

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in which:

X is CA where A is hydrogen, halogen, CHR²R³, OR², NR²R³, or SR²:

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl both of which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR⁴ groups where R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, and can be optionally substituted by aryl, heteroaryl, NR⁵R⁶ where R⁵ and R⁶ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴, or R2 and R3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴ group, or R2 and R3 are aryl or heteroaryl groups, both aryl and heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkyl, NR⁷R⁸ or SR⁷ where R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

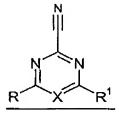
R and R¹ are independently a group Y(CH₂)oR⁰ where p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is O or NR¹0 where R¹0 is hydrogen, C₁₀ alkyl or C₃₀ cycloalkyl; and R⁰ is hydrogen, C₁₀ alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR⁴ groups where R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₀ alkyl, or a 3 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, one or more O, S or N atoms, or an aryl or heteroaryl group containing one to four heteroatoms selected from O, S or N, the saturated ring, aryl and heteroaryl groups all being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR¹Rঙ, SO₂NR¹Rঙ, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy,

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methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR4 group; or R/R¹ is a group NR¹⁰(CHR¹⁰) CONR²R³ or NR¹⁰(CH₂)₀CONR²R³ where q is 1, 2 or 3; or R/R1 is a group NR13R14 where R13 and R14 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, O. S or N atom and optionally substituted by C₁₋₆ alkyl, amino, hydroxy, CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶, NR⁷R⁸, C₁₋₆ alkylNR¹⁷R¹⁸ where R¹⁷ and R¹⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, CONR¹⁵R¹⁶ where R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₈ alkyl, or optionally substituted by aryl, phenoxy, COphenyl, or a heteroaryl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR4 group, a compound of the formula-(I) as defined in claim 7 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof: and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

Claim 10. (currently amended) A method for producing inhibition of a cystoine-protease in a mammal, such as man, in need of such treatment, which comprises comprising:

-administering to said-a mammal an effective amount of a compound of formula (I):



(1)

in which:

X is CA where A is hydrogen, halogen, CHR2R3, OR2, NR2R3, or SR2;

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R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl both of which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR4 groups where R4 is hydrogen or C1.8 alkyl, and can be optionally substituted by aryl, heteroaryl, NR⁵R⁶ where R⁵ and R⁶ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴, or R2 and R3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴ group, or R2 and R3 are aryl or heteroaryl groups, both aryl and heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁰ or SR⁷ where R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R and R¹ are independently a group Y(CH₂)pR⁹ where p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is O or NR¹⁰ where R10 is hydrogen, C1-8 alkyl or C3-6 cycloalkyl; and R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR⁴ groups where R4 is hydrogen or C1-8 alkyl, or a 3 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, one or more O, S or N atoms, or an aryl or heteroaryl group containing one to four heteroatoms selected from O, S or N, the saturated ring, aryl and heteroaryl groups all being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR4 group; or R/R¹ is a group NR¹⁰(CHR¹⁰) CONR²R³ or NR¹⁰(CH₂)₀CONR²R³ where g is 1, 2 or 3; or R/R¹ is a group NR¹³R¹⁴ where R¹³ and R¹⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group. O, S or N atom and optionally substituted by C_{1.6} alkyl, amino, hydroxy, CO₂C_{1.6} alkyl, halogen, NR⁵R⁶, NR⁷R⁸, C₁₋₆ alkyINR¹⁷R¹⁸ where R¹⁷ and R¹⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, CONR¹⁵R¹⁶ where R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, or optionally substituted by aryl, phenoxy, COphenyl, or a heteroaryl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5-

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or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR⁴ groupa compound of the present invention as defined in claim 7 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 11. (new) A method treating rheumatoid arthritis in a mammal comprising administering a compound of formula (I) to said mammal

(1)

in which:

X is CA where A is hydrogen, halogen, CHR²R³, OR², NR²R³, or SR²;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl both of which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR⁴ groups where R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl, and can be optionally substituted by aryl, heteroaryl, NR⁵R⁸ where R⁵ and R⁸ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴, or R2 and R3 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4-7 membered ring optionally containing a further O, S, NR⁴ group, or R2 and R3 are aryl or heteroaryl groups, both aryl and heteroaryl groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, NR⁷R⁸ or SR⁷ where R⁷ and R⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R and R¹ are independently a group $Y(CH_2)pR^9$ where p is 0, 1, 2 or 3 and Y is O or NR^{10} where R¹⁰ is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{3-6} cycloalkyl; and R⁹ is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR^4 groups where R⁴ is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl, or a 3 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, one or more O, S or N atoms, or an aryl or heteroaryl group containing

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one to four heteroatoms selected from O, S or N, the saturated ring, aryl and heteroaryl groups all being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR4 group; or R/R1 is a group NR10(CHR10) CONR2R3 or NR10(CH2) CONR2R3 where q is 1, 2 or 3; or R/R1 is a group NR13R14 where R13 and R14 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 4 to 7-membered saturated ring optionally containing a carbonyl group, O, S or N atom and optionally substituted by C₁₋₆ alkyl, amino, hydroxy, CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen, NR^5R^6 , NR^7R^8 , C_{1-6} alky $INR^{17}R^{18}$ where R^{17} and R^{18} are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₈ alkyl, CONR¹⁵R¹⁶ where R¹⁵ and R¹⁸ are independently hydrogen or C₁₋₈ alkyl, or optionally substituted by aryl, phenoxy, COphenyl, or a heteroaryl group, the latter four groups being optionally substituted by halogen, amino, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, carboxy, CONR⁷R⁸, SO₂NR⁷R⁸, SO₂R⁴, trifluoromethyl, NHSO₂R⁴, NHCOR⁴, ethylenedioxy, methylenedioxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, SR⁵ or NR¹¹R¹² where R¹¹ and R¹² are independently hydrogen, C1-6 alkyl or together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a 5or 6-membered saturated ring optionally containing a further O, S or NR⁴ group: or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claim 12. (new) The method according to claim 11 in which A is H, NHR², or OR² wherein R² is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl.

Claim 13. (new) The method according to claim 11 in which R is a group $Y(CH_2)pR^7$ where p is 0 or 1 and Y is NR^8 wherein R^8 is hydrogen and R^7 is substituted phenyl.

Claim 14. (new) The method according to claim 11 in which R[†] is a group NR¹³R¹⁴ where R¹³ and R¹⁴ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a morpholine ring, piperidine or piperazine ring optionally substituted.

Claim 15. (new) The method according to claim 11 in which R^1 is a group NR^9R^{10} where R^{10} is H or C_{1-6} alkyl and R^9 is C_{1-6} alkyl which can optionally contain one or more O, S or NR^4 groups where R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl.

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Claim 16.(new) The method according to claim 11 where the compound of formula (I) is selected from:

- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Methylcyclohexyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(dimethylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(1-Methylpiperidin-4-yl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-(Cyclohexylamino)-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-pyrrolidin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(6-Chloropyridin-3-yl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-{6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-L-prolinamide,
- 4-(4-Aminopiperidin-1-yl)-6-{(4-chlorophenyl)amino]pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylpiperidin-1-yl)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-[(3-pyrrolidin-1-ylpropyl)amino]pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- tert-Butyl 4-{6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}piperazine-1-carboxylate,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(cyclopropylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-piperazin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- (2S)-N~2~-{6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-N~1~,N~1~-bis[4-(N-{6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyanopyrimidin-4-yl}-L-leucyl)morpholin-3-yl]-L-leucinamide,
- 5-Chloro-4-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-piperazin-1-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(3S)-3-Aminopyrrolidin-1-yl]-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-{4-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(dimethylamino)-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxy-6-(3-oxopiperazin-1-yl)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 1-{6-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-2-cyano-5-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl}piperidine-3-carboxamide,
- 4-(4-Aminopiperidin-1-yl)-6-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-5-methoxypyrimidine-2-carbonitrile,
- 5-Amino-4-[(4-chlorophenyl)amino]-6-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidine-2-carbonitrile, and
- 5-Amino-4-[(4-Chlorophenyl)amino]-6-(ethylamino)pyrimidine-2-carbonitrile.